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MUSEUMS AND MONUMENTS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of museums/monuments conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India in Tamil Nadu, location-wise;

(b) the amount spent and released on maintenance of each of the monument/museum during each of the last three years and proposed for the year 2006-07; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to protect the museums/monuments in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India has only one site museum at Chennai. There are 413 ancient monuments and sites maintained and conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India in Tamil Nadu. Their location-wise details are at Annexure I.

(b) The amount allotted and spent for conservation and maintenance of the museum/protected monuments during the last three year is at Annexure II.

(c) Conservation and maintenance of the protected monuments is a continuous process. Archaeological Survey of India undertakes conservation, preservation and maintenance of the protected monuments subject to the availability of budgetary provision. Structural repairs and special repairs are carried out on need basis. In addition, the Archaeological Survey of India develops the environs and provides tourist facilities like toilet, drinking water, signages, tourist literature, etc.The Archaeological Survey of India has taken up a phased programme for the upgradation of its museum at Fort St. George.